Under the Scheme financial assistance is given for a variety of activities for propagation and development of Hindi. A majority of the voluntary organisations receiving grants under the Scheme are in non-Hindi speaking areas.

Financial assistance under the Scheme is normally given upto 75 per cent of the total approved expenditure except in the case of constructions/repair/expansion of building in which case the grant may be upto 60 per cent of the approved expenditure or Rs. 50,444 whichever is less.

The expenditure under the Scheme during the last three financial years is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

1990-91 : [illegible]	1991-92 : 279.98	1992-93 : 216.52

(3) *Central Hindi Directorate* (a subordinate office under the Ministry of HRD)—the Directorate is running a correspondence course to teach Hindi as second language to non-Hindi speaking Indians and Foreigners through the medium of Tamil, Malyalam, Bengali and English. During 1992-93 about 15000 students were enrolled in the course. Besides, the Directorate also brings out Hindi based and Regional languages based bilingual, trilingual and multilingual dictionaries for promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking areas.

16 non-Hindi speaking writers are given awards of Rs. 15,000 each, every year.

Proposal to withdraw Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992

*456. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to withdraw the Milk and Milk Product Order of 1992;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the likely impact of the withdrawal of the order on the overall development of the dairy industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Multi-State Cashew Project

457. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development is considering the proposal of Andhra Pradesh Government for financing the Multi-State Cashew Project;

(b) whether the project is pending for clearance and World Bank assistance with the Central Government;

(c) the status of this Project; and

(d) the approximate time-frame for completing scrutiny of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir. No proposal is presently under consideration of the Bank.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.